

AGENDA



Thursday, October 22, 2009

**Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 47**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 40,000 square feet (0.92 acre) for a temporary staging area and material storage site for construction of storm drain improvements for the Shoal Creek – Rosedale Stormwater & Water Quality Improvements, Phase IIA & IIB Project through dedicated parkland known as the Ramsey Park. (Suggested date and time: November 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Watershed Protection Department is proposing to use a portion of the Ramsey Park for construction staging purposes. The area to be used is located on the northern end of Ramsey Park and is approximately 40,000 square feet and includes two stabilized construction entrances for circular access. The park will be used as a staging area for thirteen months.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Watershed Protection Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are October 25, November 1 & 8, 2009.